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is in favor of fighting the battles of the workers against the capitalist. It is the war of the laborers of all nations against those who withhold from them the full product of their labor, namely, the owners of land and capital. The distinguishing feature of the book is an insistent emphasis upon the essentially international character of socialism. Anything that is national, that identifies itself with the political parties of existing states, is, in so far as it has these elements, contrary to the true ideal of socialism.

Apart from this note, which arises out of the war, and which, according to Mr. Macy, puts before us socialism stripped of non-essentials, the book is a good summary of American socialism. It is written in a terse and vigorous style. It points out the differences between the various socialistic parties in America, and touches somewhat upon the aims and methods of the labor organizations.

Swamp Land Drainage with Special Reference to Minnesota. By BEN PALMER. (Studies in the Social Sciences, No. 5.) Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1915. 8vo, Pp. iv+138. \$0.50.

One can not read this study by Mr. Palmer without being struck by the tremendous possibilities of adding millions of acres of rich productive land to the resources of the country. This can be accomplished, at small expense in comparison to the advantages to be gained, if the public undertakes the drainage of the swamps and wet lands. Mr. Palmer finds, however, that to attempt to solve the problem of wet-land reclamation by agencies strictly confined to artificial territorial divisions, such as the county, or in larger problems the state, is not only illogical but economically foolish.

A very interesting account of drainage work in other countries is given, as well as the history of swamp-land reclamation and drainage legislation in the United States. As the title indicates, special attention is given to the problem in Minnesota.

Essays and Speeches. By CHARLES G. DAWES. Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1915. 8vo, pp. vii+427. \$3.00.

This is, for the most part, a collection of Mr. Dawes's essays and speeches written or delivered at various times from 1891 to 1915. It puts together twenty-seven distinct units in their original form, with no pretense at correlation or at editing to bring them down to date. The two subjects dealt with most often in the collection are the Sherman Antitrust law, in relation to the trust problem and to legitimate trade combinations, and the question of banks and banking legislation, including an "Address Before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives at a Hearing of the Aldrich Bill" and a criticism of the Federal Reserve law. There are also two speeches of 1891 on railway-rate legislation in Nebraska, a reprint from the *Saturday Evening Post* containing advice to the small investor, and an address on the initiative and the referendum.